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THE HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Summer is here, and that means it's time to Level Up Your Library! This year's Summer Reading Challenge is all about unlocking new adventures, conquering reading goals, and discovering the power of stories, whether you're diving into the fantasy realm like *Dungeons & Dragons*, going on an adventure like *Super Mario Bros.*, or creating whole new worlds like *Minecraft*. No matter your age, we invite you to take on the challenge, earn prizes, and experience the magic of reading like never before.

Summer Reading begins on June 1, 2025. To celebrate, we will be hosting a Cardboard Carnival for all ages to enjoy on Monday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m! Enjoy a selection of cardboard games, constructed by library staff and volunteers, and sign up for Summer Reading! We will also have Kona Ice and the Lake in the Hills Rec2U van here as well.

The start of Summer Reading also marks the beginning of a wonderful Summer here at the Huntley Area Public Library. Keep your eyes peeled for information on exciting summer events, including the Village of Huntley & the HAPL's Movie in the Park on July 18, 2025. This year we will be watching *Inside Out 2*! This event is also in conjunction with the Friends Foundation Minilinks@thelibrary fundraiser. But... more on that later!

We want to thank you all for a fantastic winter & spring, from Library Lovers, to National Library Week, to all of the programs we held here at the library. Now, it's time to Level Up and embrace the warmth of summer! We can't wait!

- Aris Sherwood, Head of Marketing

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**Huntley Area Public Library card required to book an appointment**

### Book a Librarian

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Digital Conversion Appointment Equipment available: Audio Cassette and LP to a digital format. Kodak Scanza Film scanner, and Epson Photo Scanner. VHS converter as well. Smaller VHS is possible, however if you still have your camcorder and cords that will make it easier. 8mm reels as well. Bring your own USB drive 16-32gb. Matthew will be available to help you start your digital conversion. There is a two-hour time limit for the conversions. Make an appointment by contacting Matthew at: 847.669.5386 ext. 269 or [mwhisenhunt@huntleylibrary.org](mailto:mwhisenhunt@huntleylibrary.org). Appointments are AVAILABLE at these times: Thursday | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays | 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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## Let's Call Her Barbie

**Author Visit with Renee Rosen**

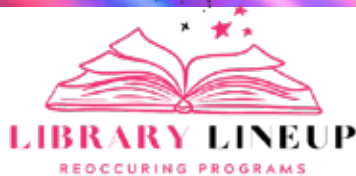
**Tuesday, June 10 | 1 to 3 p.m.**

**Adults**

**Location:** Program Rooms 1, 2, & 3

She was only eleven-and-a-half inches tall, but she would change the world! We are lucky enough to have Renee Rosen come to the library again and present her new book, *Let's Call Her Barbie*. Renee is an award-winning author who visited us a couple of years ago and was very well received. She will discuss how Barbie "was born," and her writing process for the book. There will be books for sale and signing or bring your own copy to be signed.

**Registration required.**



### Puzzle Club

**Thursday, May 1 | 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Adults**

**Location:** Program Room 3

**Registration required.**

### Your Turn: Game Night for Adults

**Tuesday, May 6 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Registration begins April 1**

**Tuesday, June 3 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Registration begins May 6**

**Adults**

**Location:** Program Room 3

**Registration required.**

### Coloring Club

**Thursday, May 8 | 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Adults**

**Location:** Program Room 3

**Registration required.**

### The Fray: Stitchery Club

**Tuesdays, May 13 and June 10 | 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.**

**Tuesdays, May 27 and June 24 | 10 a.m. to Noon**

**Adults**

**Location:** Program Room 3

**Registration required.**

### Great Decisions Discussion Group

**Tuesday, May 20 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.**

**Tuesday, June 17 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.**

**Ages 18 and up**

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

**May:** India: Between China, the West, and the

**Global South**

**June:** International Cooperation on Climate Change

*Sponsored by the Carol Donahue Memorial Fund.*

**Registration begins April 15 for May and May 20**

**for June.**

### The Puzzled Colorists Club

**Thursday, June 5 | 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Adults**

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

**Registration required.**

### Newspaper.com Workshop

**Sunday, May 4 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Adults**

**Location:** Tech Lab

If you attended our Newspapers.com program in October and want one-on-one help, or if you need assistance using the library's online resource, join us for a hands-on session. Michele May, author and past president of the Genealogy Club in Sun City Huntley, will provide individualized guidance in the Tech Lab, with class sizes limited to 10 participants. **Registration required.**

### Library Genealogy Resources Workshop - Need Help?

**Monday, May 19 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Adults**

**Location:** Tech Lab

This program offers individualized help from Michele May, past president of the Genealogy Club in Sun City Huntley, for research challenges using the library's genealogical websites, with class sizes limited to five participants. **Registration required.**



### Forgotten Island: Local Author Presentation and Book Signing

**Saturday, May 10 | 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Ages 16 & Up**

**Location:** Program Room 2 & 3

John Domagalski returns with *Forgotten Island*, a fascinating WWII history about Navy Radioman George Tweed's two-and-a-half-year struggle in hiding on Japanese-occupied Guam and the island's American liberation. Copies of the book will be on sale at a cost of \$15 (cash only). **Registration required.**

### AARP Smart Driver Course

**Monday & Tuesday, May 12 & 13 | 10 to 2:00 p.m.**

**Ages 50+**

**Location:** Program Room 3

This is an 8-hour, 2-day safety course offered by AARP. Participants must pre-register and attend both dates to receive the class certificate that may qualify them for a discount on auto insurance. AARP membership is not required to attend. The cost is \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for nonmembers. Participants may bring snacks or lunch to eat during the program. Use this link to register and pay. <http://aarp.info/c35739>. **Registration required.**

### Senior Care Volunteer Network: Helping Seniors Live Independently

**Wednesday, May 21 | 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Ages 50+**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Join us for a presentation by Kerri Sutter, volunteer coordinator for the Senior Care Volunteer Network, which serves seniors 60 and over in McHenry County and Sun City with services like transportation, minor home repairs, friendly visits, and a medical equipment loan closet that recycles donated items to those in need.

**Registration required.**

### Blood Drive

**Thursday, May 22 | 1 to 6 p.m.**

**Adults**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Sign up now to give the gift of life with Versiti Blood Center of Illinois. Register in advance at <https://bit.ly/4i2WLUu> or call the Information Desk at 847.669.5386 and press 3. Walk-ins are welcome as the schedule permits. **Registration required.**

### Pollinator Week Event: What's the Rush? Viewing In partnership with McHenry County Conservation District

**Saturday June 21 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Adults**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Attend this video showing to learn how planting native and removing invasive species to support pollinators and increase biodiversity can make you a part of the Homegrown National Park movement. Q&A afterward with Christine Kustra, McHenry County Conservation District. Ages 16 and up. **Registration required.**

### Helen Keller Day - Free Vision and Hearing Screening

**Saturday, June 28 | 9 to 1 p.m.**

**All Ages**

**Location:** Library East Parking Lot and Program Rooms 1, 2 & 3

Sponsored by the Huntley Area Lions Club. The Lions of Illinois Foundation's Mobile Unit will be outside for the free vision and hearing screenings. Register for your free screening at the event (outside weather permitting). Kid's vision screenings will also be held. Learn about the Lions Club's mission and Helen Keller's legacy. Enjoy Braille demonstrations, print your name in Braille, meet a guide dog, and more!

# TEEN EVENTS

REGISTER AT [HUNTLEYPUB.ORG/EVENTS](https://huntleypub.org/events)

## Teen Take Home Kit: Cat Toys Month of May (while supplies last) Teens/grades 6-12

**Location:** Information Desk

Make a couple of different cat toys with the supplies in this kit. Available at the Information Desk starting May 1, while supplies last. 1 kit/teen.

## Fiesta de Mayo

**Monday, May 5 | 4 to 5 p.m.**

**Teens/grades 6-12**

**Location:** Program Room 2

We're having a little fiesta (party)! We'll learn and practice some Spanish vocabulary by playing a version of Loteria (Mexican Bingo), and we'll make some colorful tissue paper flowers you can bring home. **Registration required.**



## Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Hummingbirds

**Thursday, May 15 | 4 to 5 p.m.**

**Teens/grades 6-12**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Learn about hummingbirds from a real scientist! Join us in our exploration of different animal species. This month we'll be connecting (live, via Zoom) with Alyssa Sargent, from the University of Washington. She studies hummingbird behavior (and combat!) and will be sharing some fun facts about them as well as some photos and tales from the field. Bring any questions you have.

**Registration required.**



## Bike Safety and Maintenance

**Saturday, May 24 | 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Teens/grades 6-12**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Keep safe by knowing the rules of the road and keeping your bike in good condition. Learn about bicycle safety and some basic maintenance you can perform. **Registration required.**



## CREATE

**Thursdays, May 29 and June 26 | 4 to 5 p.m.**

**Teens/grades 6-12**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Bring your own project or create something wonderful with our supplies (we'll have something new to try each month). **Registration required.**

## Teen Take Home Kit: Dragon Eyes

**Month of June (while supplies last)**

**Teens/grades 6-12**

**Location:** Information Desk

Make your own dragon eye with the supplies in this kit. Available at the Information Desk starting June 1, while supplies last. 1 kit/teen.

## Minute to Win It Teen Challenge

**Thursday, June 5 | 4 to 5 p.m.**

**Teens/grades 6-12**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Play a multitude of mini-games! Try your hand at a selection of mini-games that you can play in a minute. Fun games and fun prizes! **Registration required.**

## 8-Bit Art with Perler Beads

**Monday, June 9 | 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Teens/grades 6-12**

**Location:** Creative Studio

Experiment with fun, fusible, plastic beads. Pixelate with Perler Beads! We'll have some patterns you can use or come up with your own designs.

**Registration required.**

## ACT: What's Changing?

**Tuesday, June 10 | 6 to 7 p.m.**

**Teens + Adults**

**Location:** Program Room 2

The ACT is changing in 2025. Learn about the changes to the test and what you can expect. Presented by the Huntington Learning Center of Lake in the Hills. **Registration required.**



## Henna Art

**Tuesday, June 17 | 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Teens/grades 6-12**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Learn about the art of henna and receive a temporary henna design from artist, Rebecca Huston of Heathen Ink Tattoo. We will have extra henna cones available for program attendees to experiment with as well. **Registration and parent/guardian-signed permission form required.**

## Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course -

**\$65/person**

**Thursday, June 19 | 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Ages 11-15**

**Location:** Program Room 2

Learn to safely and responsibly provide care for children and infants (including basic childcare and first aid), develop leadership skills, start a babysitting business, keep yourself and others safe, and help children behave. This class includes a participant workbook, training materials, and a Red Cross training certificate. **Registration required.**

**Class fee: \$65 - pay by cash or check (checks made out to "Be Prepared") at the library's Information Desk prior to the start of class. Participants should bring lunch on the day of class.**

## Weird (and Wonderful) Animals: Tardigrade

**Thursday, June 19 | 4 to 5 p.m.**

**Teens/grades 6-12**

**Location:** Program Room 3

Learn about water bears! Join us in our exploration of different animal species. In June, we will be targeting tardigrades (also known as water bears). Bring any questions you have! **Registration required.**

## ACT Practice Test - \$25 per person

**Saturday, June 21 | 12 to 4:30 p.m.**

**High school sophomores and juniors**

**Location:** Program Room 2 and 3

Practice taking the ACT. This paper practice test will include English/reading, math, and science portions (no essay), and will be proctored by the Huntington Learning Center of Lake in the Hills. Test takers may bring a TI-84 calculator and snacks/water bottles. Pencils and scratch paper will be provided. Please arrive on time to complete the necessary pre-test paperwork. The test will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. **Registration required. Register in person by June 16 at the library's Information Desk. Test fee is payable by cash or check ONLY (make checks out to: Huntington Learning Center).**

## Teen Trivia Night: Retro Games

**Tuesday, June 24 | 6 to 7 p.m.**

**Teens/grades 6-12**

**Location:** Program Room 2

Test your knowledge of old arcade, video, computer, and tabletop games! Join us for teen trivia night and see what you know. Teams of 1-4 teens will have a chance to win prizes for the most correct answers! Snacks provided. **Registration required.**



## ART ON DISPLAY

The Art on Display Gallery features artwork by local artists. The exhibits are on display for one month.



Sun City Photographers, March 2025

Local artists are welcome to display their artwork. If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing their art with us, please contact Samantha at [sandersen@huntleypub.org](mailto:sandersen@huntleypub.org) or 847.669.5386 ext. 225 for more information.

## ARTS & MUSIC

### Monthly Grab & Go Craft

**Begins the first of each month, while supplies last**  
**Ages 5-12**

**Location:** Children's Desk

Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up your take-home craft.

### Preschool Art Explorers

**Thursday, May 1 | 12 to 12:45 p.m.**

**Thursday, June 5 | 12 to 12:45 p.m.**

**Ages 3-5 with caregiver**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Come explore art and artists and enjoy being creative. Dress for mess! **Registration required.**

### Crafty Kids: Pocket Worlds

**Saturday, May 10 | 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Ages 5-12**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Create a scene with characters on magnets inside a mini tin you can decorate and carry with you in your pocket. **Registration required.**

### Sketch Skool 1

**Wednesday, May 14 | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

**Ages 5-8**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Join Mr. Dolton for drawing FUN and let your creativity soar. **Registration required.**

### Sketch Skool 2

**Wednesday, May 14 | 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.**

**Ages 9-12**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Join Mr. Dolton for drawing FUN and let your creativity soar! **Registration required.**

### Music Together

**Monday, May 19 | 9:30 to 10 a.m. OR 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.**

**Ages 0-6**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Children and their caregivers are invited to join Amy Nell for a program full of music and motion fun-for-all! Please choose one session only.

**Registration required.**

### Creative Kids 1

**Tuesday, June 17 | 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Ages 6-8**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Find your creativity exploring various artists, art techniques and artistic mediums with Miss Julie. Dress for mess! **Registration required.**

### Creative Kids 2

**Tuesday, June 17 | 11:15 to 12:15 a.m.**

**Ages 9-12**

**Location:** Program Room 1

Find your creativity exploring various artists, art techniques and artistic mediums with Miss Julie. Dress for mess! **Registration required.**

### Chalk it Up!

**Friday, June 20 | 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

**All Ages**

**Location:** East Lawn

Come decorate the library's sidewalks with chalk and enjoy the outdoors with bubbles. Weather permitting. **Drop in.**



### Sensory Shenanigans

**Monday, June 23 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Ages 0-23 months**

**Location:** Program Rooms 1 & 2

Sensory time for babies stimulates their senses through various activities, aiding their motor skills, cognitive abilities, and social interactions in a fun environment. **Registration required.**

### Book Character Bingo

**Wednesday, June 25 | 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.**

**Families**

**Location:** Program Room 1, 2 & 3

Play for fun and prizes with your entire family!

**Registration required for every family member.**

### HEAAL: Health, Education, Advocacy, and Leadership

Students from Huntley High School's HEAAL organization (Health, Education, Advocacy, & Leadership) in conjunction with HAPL staff will present these events to promote health awareness in fun and educational ways:

#### Strawberry DNA Extraction

**Tuesday, May 27 | 2 to 3 p.m.**

**(Ages 9 - 13)**

**Location:** Program Room 1

#### Superfood Heroes

**Wednesday, May 28 | 2 to 3 p.m.**

**(Ages 4 - 7)**

**Location:** Program Room 1

#### Stress Balls & Mindfulness

**Thursday, May 29 | 2 to 3 p.m.**

**(Ages 7 - 10)**

**Location:** Program Room 1

**Registration required for all programs.**



### BenAnna Band

**Thursday, June 12 | 1 to 1:45 p.m.**

**Ages 0-8 with families**

**Location:** Program Room 1, 2, & 3

Come join the BenAnna Band for a family friendly music concert! Kids will go bananas for this high energy musical duo that will have kids and adults singing, dancing, and playing along on live instruments! BenAnna Band is a children's band that focuses on inclusion and music for all ages and abilities. **Registration required for all attendees.**

## STORY TIME IN THE PARK

### Storytime in the Park

**Tuesdays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**June 10 | Borhart Park (9661 Abbey Rd., Huntley, IL)**

**June 24 | LeRoy Guy Park (Annandale Dr. between Whitmore and Windgate, Lake in the Hills, IL)**

**For Families**

Enjoy stories, songs, and fun in the great outdoors! Bring a blanket or chairs. Look for us near the playground. **Drop-in.**



## Builders' Challenge: Gigi Bloks

Thursday, May 6 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Ages 5-8

Location: Program Rooms 1

Come have fun learning and building together with hundreds of oversized, interlocking cardboard blocks. Meet challenges and be creative. **Registration required.**

## Builders' Challenge: Lego

Thursday, May 15 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1

Put your Lego skills to the test and join us for Lego building challenges. **Registration required.**

## Coding Club: Ozobot Team Racing

Monday, May 28 | 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 2

You are challenged to work with a team to arrange a large number of color commands in the best order to get your team's Ozobot to the finish line first. **Registration required.**

## Little STEAMers

Friday, May 30 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Friday, June 27 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 1

Preschoolers are naturally curious and introducing them to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) at an early age can be both fun and educational. Join us every month with your preschooler to discover a new STEM activity. **Registration required.**

## Un-BEE-lievable!

Friday, June 6 | 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3

Discover the fascinating world of bees, including their communication methods, ecological importance, survival strategies, honey production, and honey tasting. **Registration required.**



## Builders' Challenge: Keva Planks

Wednesday, June 11 | 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1

Build with Keva planks! No glue or connectors are used to build tall towers and complicated structures with these precision cut wood blocks. **Registration required.**

## Coding Club: Scratch

Monday, June 16 | 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Tech Lab

Join us to learn how to create your own fun game using Scratch, a coding platform using block codes. **Registration required.**



electrifying experiments, and mind-blowing discoveries. **Registration required.**



## The Meet Up

Monday, May 5 | 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Monday, June 9 | 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Ages 8-12

Location: Program Room 1

Each month, we will gather together and connect with others by exploring new topics or developing skills through engaging games, creative crafts, captivating stories, or fun activities. **Registration required.**

## Chess Club

Wednesday, May 7, 21 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Wednesdays, June 4, 18 | 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Ages 8-14

Location: Program Rooms 1 & 2

Chess players of any skill level meet to play and strategize. Beginners are welcome. **Registration required.**

## Homeschool Hive

Friday, May 9 | 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages 5-12 with families.

Location: Program Room 1

Join us to explore rotating science and arts activities. **Registration required.**

## Kool Kids' Graphic Novel Club

Monday, May 19 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Monday, June 23 | 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Ages 7-12

Location: Program Room 1

Share your favorite graphic novel and maybe find a new one! Draw your own graphics and decide what books we want to read for our next meeting. **Registration required.**

## Read to a Dog

Saturday, May 31 | 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Early Readers

Location: Program Room 3

Make a 15-minute reservation for your child to practice their reading skills by reading to Simon, a patient and lovable dog. Register 1 family with up to 2 children per session. **Registration required.**

## Potty Party!

Friday, May 2 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

For potty trainees and their caregiver

Location: Program Room 1

Celebrating and reinforcing potty training with stories, songs, and activities. **Registration required for child only.**

## Adaptive Storytime

Saturday, May 3 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 7 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-7 with caregiver

Location: Program Room 2

An interactive storytime for children with neurodiversity or who have difficulty engaging traditionally. Welcoming all learning styles and abilities with caregivers.

**Registration required for child only.**

## Family Storytime

Tuesdays or Wednesdays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

May 6, 7, 14

June 3, 4, 11, 18

Ages 0-6

Location: Program Room 1

Storytime sessions are full of books, songs, and fun activities. Register for either Tuesday or Wednesday each week. **Weekly registration required.**

## BabyPaloosa

Mondays | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

May 5, 12

June 9, 16

Ages birth-23 months

Location: Program Room 3

Stories, songs, and playtime. **Weekly registration required.**

## Pajamarama

Tuesday, May 13 | 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10 | 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Families of 2-8 year olds

Location: Program Room 1

Grab a stuffed friend and join us in your PJs for stories, songs, and a craft at the library! **Registration required.**

## Saturday Family Storytime

Saturday, May 17 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 7 | 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-6

Location: Program Room 1

Stories, songs, and fun for young children and their families. **Registration required.**

## Yoga Storytime

Thursday, May 22 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, June 26 | 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Ages 3-6 to attend on their own

Location: Program Room 2

Thirty minutes of story and movement fun! Please bring a yoga mat or a towel to use. **Registration required.**

## Stories for School Kids

Tuesday, May 27 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24 | 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Ages 5-10

Location: Program Room 2

Join us for longer stories, more complex crafts, and fun activities. **Registration required.**



## LEVEL UP YOUR SUMMER DIVE INTO THE LIBRARY'S 2025 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

For many people, summer reading programs, hosted by their local public library, were a childhood staple.

In fact, summer reading programs have been in existence since the late 1800s. According to a 2013 article posted on Public Libraries Online, a publication of the Public Library Association, summer reading programs were created to combat a phenomenon called "summer loss" - when a child's reading skills decline during summer vacation, presumably the result of inadequate reading practice.

Since its inception, summer reading programs have not only enhanced reading comprehension skills amongst school-age children, but also has fostered a love of literature for not just children, but adults and teens as well- blending the joy of summer with the excitement of reading.

And the Huntley Area Public Library is no exception to this celebration.

By mid-20th century, summer reading programs began developing themed reading challenges, making participation more engaging and immersive. It also became common to include prizes to encourage participation and completion.

Since the Huntley Area Public Library first opened its doors in 1989, they have hosted summer reading programs every year, with themes such as "Ready, Set...Read," "Here We Grow," "Dig Into Summer" "Read, Renew, Repeat," and more.

This year, they are getting ready for the 2025 summer reading challenge "Level Up at Your Library."

This year's theme, according to the Illinois Library Association's iRead program, "reminds us that libraries are not just a space for knowledge, they are a space for fun!"

Programmers at the Huntley Area Public Library are very excited about this year's theme, having already begun planning their decorations, events, and the actual challenge itself.

"I love the first day every time," said Susan Riddle-Mojica, a Librarian at the Huntley Area Public Library who co-organizes the adult's portion of the reading program. "It's great to see many people excited about the new program."



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Karin Thogersen, the Teen Librarian at the Huntley Area Public

Library who organizes the teen portion of the reading program, shared how summer reading challenges have adapted over time.

"While many folks still prefer the traditional paper book logs, we have over the years added options for people to participate online (through Beanstack)," said Thogersen. "We've also incorporated other fun optional activities (in addition to reading) that people can do to 'complete' the summer reading challenge."

Thogersen also said participants read in different ways, too, such as enjoying e-books or audiobooks, which both count toward fulfilling summer reading goals.

"One of our teen participants last summer said he liked to speed up the audiobooks he listened to and could read more books that way," she added.

These modifications and reinventions of summer reading programs are necessary, as libraries nationwide have seen waning participation in their reading programs.

According to a 2022 report published by the National Endowment for the Arts, there has been a decrease in reading for pleasure among all age groups.

According to Michele Whisenhunt, Head of Youth Services at the Huntley Area Public Library, summer reading is important for many reasons.

"It gives kids a sense of accomplishment and community," said Whisenhunt. "The summer reading program is a community program- when kids participate, they are participating in the community, and learning how to earn rewards and practice ethical behavior."

Whisenhunt also said that kids enjoy a sense of freedom and fun when they choose what they want to read.

"Summer reading fosters a joy of reading," she said.

Thogersen agrees.



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"Summer reading programs have a lot of goals, but we mostly want to encourage everyone of all ages to read," said Thogersen. "Read together, read alone, read for fun, be read to... kids will read more, too, if

they see their parents or other adults admire reading. Getting the whole family signed up for summer reading is one way you can model how great reading is."

And reading isn't just one way you can show support for summer reading, according to Thogersen. You can also show your support by visiting the library, checking out library materials, attending library events, and volunteering.

"We would love to have you participate!" said Thogersen.

# HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

**JUNE 1 –  
JULY 31,  
2025**



# LEVEL UP

**AT YOUR LIBRARY**

## ADULTS

(Ages 18 & Up). Participate for chances to win one of our grand prizes—a \$50 gift card to a local business.

Choose either:

Online Reading Program: Sign up at [huntleylibrary.beanstack.com](https://huntleylibrary.beanstack.com) to earn badges and grand prize tickets by reading and completing library related activities.

Paper Log Program: Download your paper log from the library's website or pick one up at the Information Desk and read for grand prize tickets.

## TEENS

(Ages 12-18). Join the summer reading challenge and level up at your library! Pick up a paper reading log at the library's Information Desk, download one from our website (<https://www.huntleylibrary.org/>), or participate online via Beanstack (<https://huntleylibrary.beanstack.com>). Exciting quests and prizes await you!

## YOUTH

(Ages 0-12). Come to the Children's Library to Level Up your reading game! Score big with reading, games, and fun activities which end with prizes! Pick up a paper log at the Children's Desk, download one from our website, or participate online via Beanstack ([huntleylibrary.beanstack.com](https://huntleylibrary.beanstack.com).) Additionally, watch out for pop-up days!

# HUNTLEYLIBRARY.ORG/LEVELUP

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## CARDBOARD CARNIVAL

Monday, June 2 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children/Teens/Adults

Location: Program Rooms 1, 2, 3

Enjoy a selection of cardboard games (fun for kids, teens, and adults) when you come in to register for this summer's reading challenge: Level Up at Your Library. Library staff and volunteers have been busy constructing them over the past few months. Games include favorites like Ski-ball, Plinko, basketball, mazes, and more. When you're finished playing, pick up a small prize at the exit. Drop-in.



# TECH EVENTS

## Password Management

Tuesday, May 6 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 8 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 10 | 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 13 | 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 15 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17 | 10 a.m.

Adults

**Location:** Tech Lab

An introduction to how to use password management software. Classes will be approximately one hour long

**Registration required.**

## Job Hunting Help

Tuesday, May 20 | 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 22 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 24 | 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 27 | 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 29 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 31 | 10 a.m.

Adults

**Location:** Tech Lab

Need job hunting help? Get help with online job searching and your resume.

Classes will be approximately one hour long.

**Registration required.**

## Basic 3D Modeling

Tuesday, June 10 | 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 12 | 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17 | 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 19 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 21 | 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 24 | 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 26 | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 28 | 10 a.m.

Adults

**Location:** Tech Lab

Learn how to use the basics of 3D modeling in TinkerCAD.

**Registration required.**

## Help with Word, Excel or Powerpoint

Wednesdays in May & June | 1 to 2:00 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Tech Lab

Register for the session and indicate what topic you would like help with by choosing from the drop-down menu. Please register for only one session per week and choose only one topic per session. **Registration required.**

## Minecraft Free Play Play Minecraft in Survival Mode

Fridays | 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

June 6, 20, 27

Ages 10 and up

**Location:** Tech Lab

Staff monitored. **Registration required.**

## Minecraft for Beginners Free Play

Thursdays | 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

June 5, 12, 19, 26

Ages 7 and up

**Location:** Tech Lab

Technology Trainer will be on hand to get players started and monitor. **Registration required.**

## What is Cloud-Based Storage?

Tuesday, June 3 | 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Program Room 2

What is cloud-based storage? Is it safe? Michael Gershbein of Very Smart People will show you what it is and how to use it for backing and sharing up your documents and photos. Many cloud-based solutions are inexpensive or even free. **Registration required.**



*A Huntley Area Public Library Card is required to make an appointment.*

## Paper Spring Wreath Craft

Saturday, May 24 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 31 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.

Ages Teens and Adults

**Location:** Creative Studio

Let it bloom with this fun paper craft that takes different shades of pink to mimic a blooming flower.

**Huntley Library card required for registration.**

## Cricut Tote Bag

Saturday, June 14 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 28 | 1 to 3:00 p.m.

Ages Teens and Adults

**Location:** Creative Studio

Customize your very own tote bag using the Cricut and Cricut easy press. Tote bags and vinyl will be provided. **Huntley Library card required for registration.**



## Dungeons and Dragons:

### Monday Quest

Mondays, May 5, 19 | 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Mondays, June 2, 16 | 5 to 7:30 p.m.

For teens and adults

**Location:** Program Room 3

Players may join the quest at any time. Please register for only one of the quests. **Registration required.**

## Dungeons and Dragons:

### Wednesday Quest

Wednesday, May 7, 14, 21, 28 | 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4, 11, 18, 25 | 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Ages 12 & up

**Location:** Program Room 2 except May 28 - Program Room 3

Players may join the quest at any time. Please register for only one of the quests. **Registration required.**

# TECH TALKS

## Microsoft 365 (M365) - your footprint in The Cloud

Monday, May 5 | 5 to 6 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Tech Lab

What is Microsoft 365? What is Software as a Service (SaaS)? Is Microsoft 365 a good deal? We will go through the common applications in the M365 suite and even some of the not-so-common ones to help get your money's worth of your subscription. We will also look at non-Microsoft templates to add value to Word and Excel. **Registration required.**

## Introduction to Kanopy

Monday, May 19 | 5 to 6:00 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Tech Lab

Learn how to get started streaming films, TV shows, educational videos, and documentaries through the Kanopy streaming platform. The Huntley Area Public Library provides its HAPL cardholders 10 tickets each month to watch critically acclaimed films via this platform.

Limited to 10 participants. **Registration required.**

## Cloud Computing

Monday, June 2 | 5 to 6 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Tech Lab

What is "The Cloud?" How does cloud computing differ from how we have been doing things? We will go over the Cloud and the various concepts that make up cloud computing. Interactive discussion with audience participation highly encouraged! **Registration required.**

## Introduction to Social Media for Business

Monday, June 16 | 5 to 6 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Tech Lab

Are you a business owner looking to harness the power of social media but not sure where to start? Taught by the library's Head of Marketing, Aris Sherwood, this introductory class will guide you through the fundamentals of using social media to grow your brand, engage with customers, and increase visibility. **Registration required.**

## Passwords, Password Managment, and Password Vaults

Monday, June 30 | 5 to 6 p.m.

Adults

**Location:** Tech Lab

Discussion on the reasoning for the importance of passwords. Some tips on creating and managing passwords. Live demo/presentations of managing passwords in browsers (Chrome and Edge). Pros, cons, and demos of a 2-Password Vault. Much Q&A and discussion. **Registration required.**

## General Meetings

### No May General Meeting

#### June General Meeting

**Friday, June 20 | 6:00 to 7:00**

**p.m.**

**Adults**

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

**Program:** A Tale of Beatrix Potter by Debra Miller

Everyone is welcome to attend – you do not need to be a Friends member!

Born Helen Beatrix Potter on July 28, 1866, Beatrix Potter is one of the most beloved children's authors and illustrators. Her attention to detail and skill goes far beyond *Peter Rabbit* & his friends. She produced and copyrighted stuffed toys, developed board games, coloring pages, and wallpaper; and her drawings of fungi are still used in instruction and identification texts. By the end of the presentation, the audience will know more about Helen Beatrix Potter the woman, as well as the author. The presentation is followed by a Question & Answer period.



#### May Luncheon Fundraiser

**Friday, May 16 | 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

\$40 per Person

**All Ages**

**Location:** Program Rooms 1, 2 & 3

**Purchase tickets until May 7. Seating is limited.**

#### June Book Sale

**Saturday, June 14 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 15 | Noon to 4 p.m.**

**Sunday Only • \$10 Bag Sale or 2 for \$15**

**All Ages**

**Location:** Program Rooms 2 & 3

Friends Members Only Sale: Friday, June 13, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

If you are not a Friend and would like to become a member, visit the library for a membership form or download a membership form at [huntleylibraryfriends.org](http://huntleylibraryfriends.org).

#### Support the library by becoming a Friends Foundation Member

Not a member? Join us in 2025 and be a part of this dynamic organization that supports the library. Complete the membership application form available at the library or visit our website at: [www.huntleylibraryfriends.org](http://www.huntleylibraryfriends.org).

Individuals, \$10; Family Membership, \$15; Book Lovers, \$50; Lifetime Membership, \$100; Corporate Lifetime Membership, \$250. Remember, lifetime members don't need to renew!

#### BOOK DONATIONS

Best time to Drop-off Items:

Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*We encourage patrons who would like assistance unloading donations to please call ahead.*

Contact Lisa Rossi-Moser: 847.669.5386 ext. 228

We accept donations of gently used books, CDs and DVDs in their original packaging, new textbooks (within the last five years), and new magazines in good condition.

Please do not include other items with your donations!

Due to the current marketplace, we are no longer able to accept:

- Cassette tapes, VHS tapes, electronics, or LPs
- Moldy or wet books or books that have been stored in damp areas
- Encyclopedias
- Magazines or textbooks older than five years
- Newspapers
- Journals, used coloring or activity books, etc.

#### Corner Books – Always

**Available, Refreshed Daily**

A great selection of gently used books, CDs, and DVDs for sale. This fundraiser benefits the Friends year-round and helps us fulfill our mission to support the Huntley Area Public Library.



#### Learn More about the Friends

[huntleylibraryfriends.org](http://huntleylibraryfriends.org)

Information about book sales, meeting dates, fundraisers, membership forms, donation forms, and more can be found on our website.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**MINILINKS  
@THELIBRARY**

**Friday, July 18 | 6 to 7:30**

**Ready for a friendly game of Minilinks@thelibrary? Don't forget to save the date. This will be the same day as the Village of Huntley's and the Huntley Area Public Library's Movie in the Park featuring *Inside Out 2*. The movie starts at dusk.**

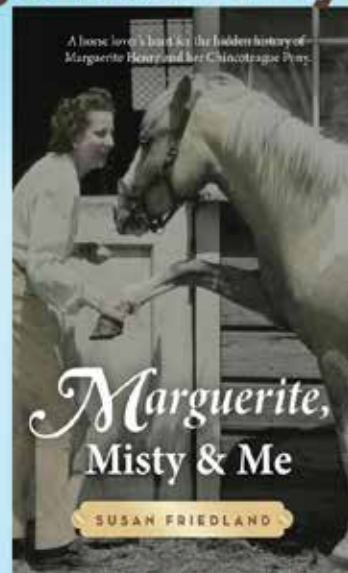


Socialize with us:



## Chincoteague Pony Penning 100th Anniversary The Ponies, Saltwater Cowboys and Marguerite Henry

This is the 100th anniversary of the Chincoteague Pony Swim! Come along for the ride while local author, Susan Friedland, shares her stories and photographs from previous pony penning days and introduces you to the woman who wrote about the ponies. Marguerite Henry is the author who made these ponies famous with her books about Misty, the Chincoteague Pony. Marguerite grew up in Milwaukee, but she wrote her iconic, Newbery-winning books as an adult in Wayne, Illinois. Marguerite and Misty did many pony publicity events in the Chicagoland area. Susan will have copies of her books for sale - *Marguerite, Misty & Me* in both the adult and young reader versions. Registration required.



**Wednesday, June 18 | 10 to 11 a.m. | All Ages | Location: Program Rooms 2 & 3**

**PUZZLE  
EXCHANGE.**

TRADE YOUR NO-LONGER-USED PUZZLES FOR "NEW" ONES! FOR EACH PUZZLE DROPPED OFF, YOU WILL RECEIVE A COUPON FOR A "NEW" PUZZLE! REDEEM YOUR COUPONS 6/14 AND 6/15 OR PURCHASE ON 6/15. PUZZLES MUST HAVE ALL OF THEIR PIECES!

ACCEPTING PUZZLES:

**JUNE 11 TO JUNE 13**

EXCHANGE:

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14 | 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**

SALE:

**SUNDAY, JUNE 15 | NOON TO 4 P.M.**

DROP OFF AT THE INFORMATION DESK  
EXCHANGE IN PROGRAM ROOM 1